



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR
Date	April 6, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 5 to 8:00 AM April 6, 2022
Report Number	20

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 3, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	1, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 19 & 20

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) received seven new requests for assistance with fire suppression operations on Tuesday, April 5. There are currently 150 Texas counties out of 254 with a Burn Ban in effect. Critical to Extreme fire weather conditions are forecasted for DDCs 1, 2 & 3 in Region 5 and elevated fire weather conditions are forecasted for the central half of Texas today.



On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 29, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to remain vigilant and informed on weather conditions as fire danger and severe weather threaten the state.
([Complete Statement Here](#))

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

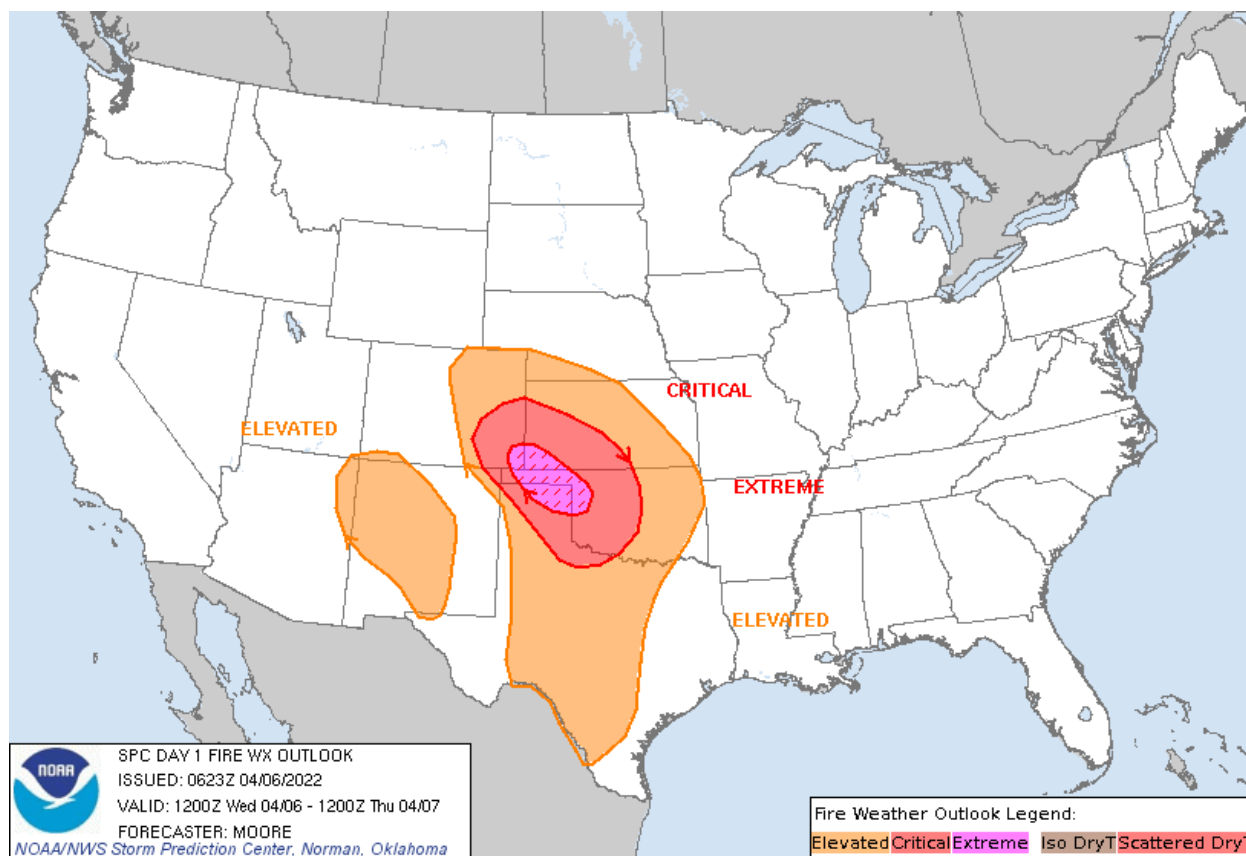
On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state this week.

On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions this week.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources
Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>

WEATHER:

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 7AM 4/6 to 7AM 4/7.



Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: A strong upper-level trough is apparent in early morning water vapor imagery over the central CONUS. At the surface, a low is beginning to occlude over MN with an attendant cold front arcing southwestward into north TX. This low will largely remain in place today with the associated surface trough/cold front shifting east through the morning. To the west, surface high pressure will continue to build amid broad upper-level ridging. Consequently, pressure gradient winds will remain elevated overnight and increase through the day as boundary-layer mixing increases. This will support Critical to Extreme fire weather conditions for parts of the southern High Plains where active wildfires have been noted over the past 24 hours.

Southern High Plains

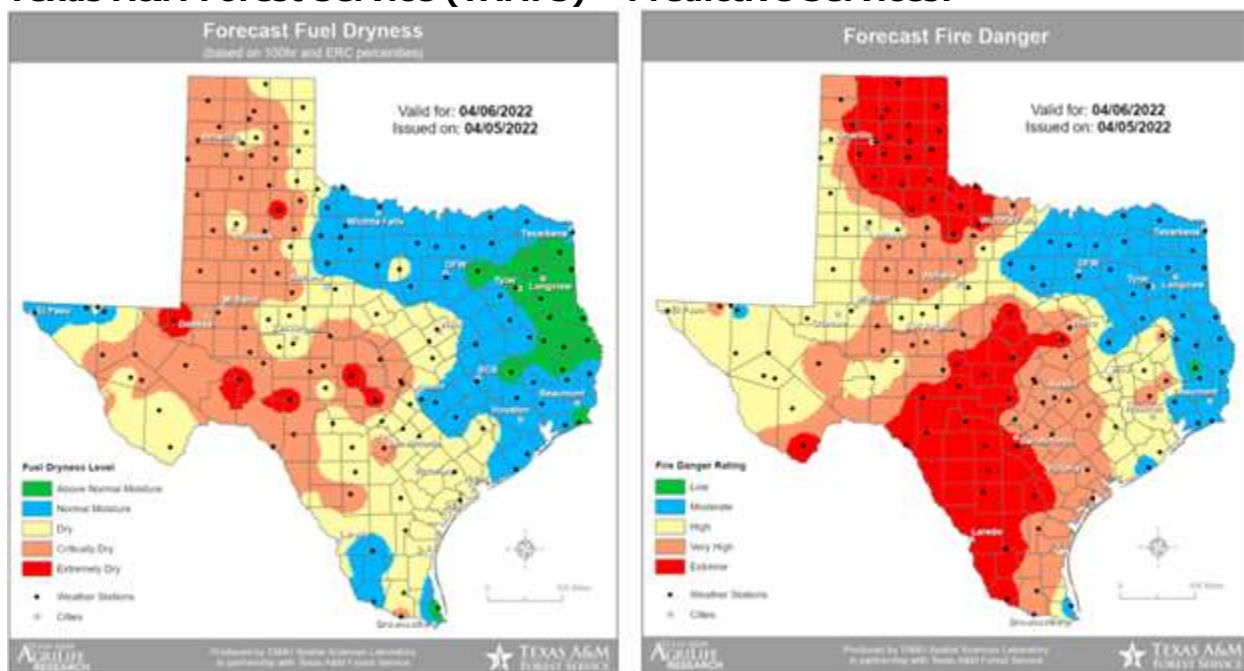
Early morning surface observations show a dry, continental air mass moving from the northern/central Plains (where dewpoints are in the single digits) into the southern High Plains. The strong low-level flow is maintaining boundary-layer mixing near the surface and poor overnight RH recovery from southeast WY into the OK/TX Panhandles. This air mass will undergo further drying today as winds increase in response to the tightening pressure gradient and downslope flow off the CO Rockies increases. Afternoon RH values are expected to fall into the 15-20% range from eastern CO into central OK and northern TX. Ensemble guidance continues to show high probability for widespread critical fire weather conditions across this region with 20-30 mph sustained winds. Extremely critical conditions

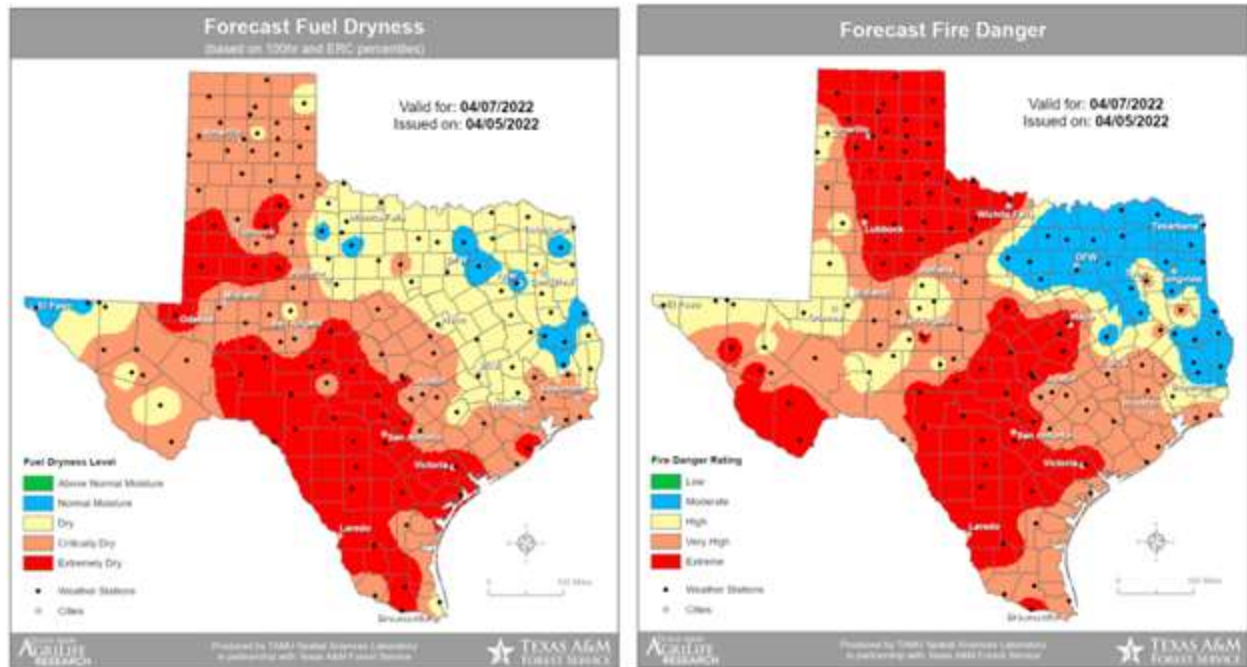
remain likely across the OK/TX Panhandles where deep mixing will allow for single-digit RH and wind gusts up to 40-50 mph. ERCs across this region remain elevated near the 90th percentile, and these conditions will likely impact recent fires across the OK Panhandle. Similar wind speeds are probable further north into eastern CO and western KS, but confidence in extremely critical RH is lower.

Southern Texas

Dry, post-frontal air will sweep across southern TX through the morning hours. Mostly clear skies will allow for strong diurnal warming and boundary-layer mixing, which should allow RH values into fall into the 20-25% range. Frequent wind gusts up to 20-25 mph will support periods of critical fire weather conditions, but widespread elevated conditions appear more probable. Despite patchy rainfall over the past two days, fuels across the majority of the region remain very receptive and will support a fire weather concern across most of southern TX.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:





OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4 Garland, 4 Hurst, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties).

DDC 4A Hurst raised their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Hood County: [Stonecrest](#) – .10 acre – 100% contained.

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

DDC 5 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Cass County: [Cass 1907](#) – 1 acre – 100% contained.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties)

DDC 19 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Kleberg County: [Borrega](#): 51,566 acres – 100% contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

DDC 1 activated to Level III at 10:00 AM on March 28.

Gray County: [Sand Creek](#): 3,200 acres – 0% contained. The Gray County Sheriff's Office confirms that the town of Alanreed was being evacuated due to a fast-moving wildfire.

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

Cottle County: [Big Hippo](#): 48 acres – 100% contained.

Jack County: [Apollo](#): 45 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties).

DDC 7 remains at Readiness Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for wildfire activities.

Eastland County: [Richardson](#) – 20 acres – 100% contained.

Jones County: [Yellowjacket](#) – 60 acres – 100% contained.

Kent County: [Red Rock](#): – 500 acres –95% contained.

Nolan County: [Adrian](#): 530 acres – 100% contained.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 18A – San Antonio (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr and Medina Counties)

Medina County: [Ranch View](#): 10 acres – 90% contained.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Coryell County: [Crittenberg Complex](#) – 33,175 acres – 95% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

TDEM Mass Care: State partners are supporting local jurisdictions from the wildfires.

TDEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL): Disaster non-profits and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters are actively deployed and supporting jurisdictions in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Planning meetings between local jurisdictions and disaster nonprofits for establishing Multi Agency Resource Centers are ongoing.

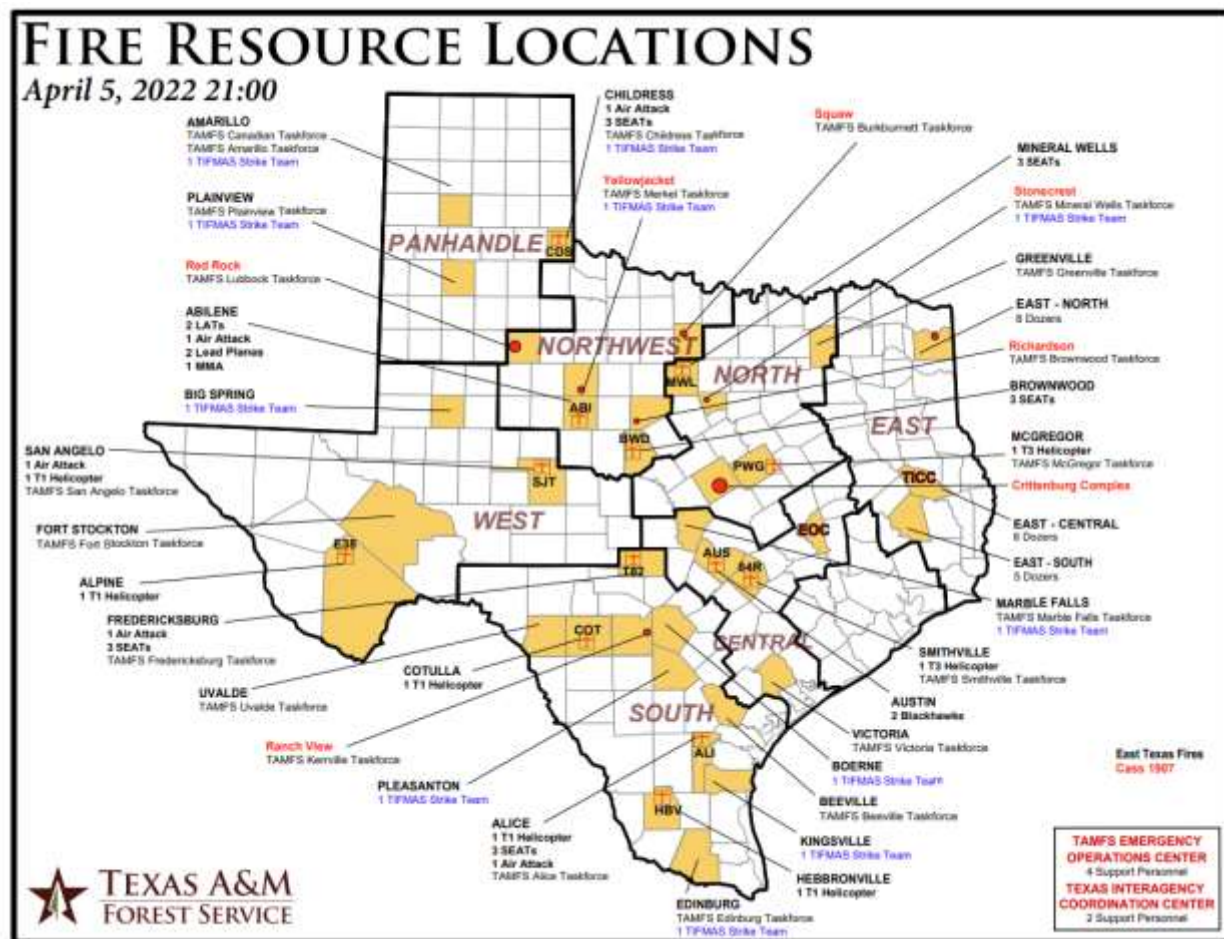
Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT):

The DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (Agrilife): AgriLife continues to maintain situational awareness of wildfire incidents across the state.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)/Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): One TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel managing ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering at the Remote SOC in Austin.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS received seven new requests for assistance with fire suppression operations on Tuesday, April 5. Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.



Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC continues to provide a liaison to the SOC and is monitoring for any outages or other issues with electricity providers. Restoring service where practical behind the fire(s).

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC continues to maintain situational awareness.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA): TDA continues to staff the Remote SOC as needed as part of the ESF-11 Team. STAR Funds accepting donations and requests for financial assistance.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF assets are on standby.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is staffing the remote SOC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): Region 6 THP San Antonio is providing personnel in Medina County to conduct roving patrol in the multiple subdivisions that were evacuated. Assisting with reentry by residents for the purpose of escorted damage assessment. Region 5 THP Eastland is providing security at the RSA in Eastland. THP personnel also providing roving/patrol security in Carbon.

Texas Military Department (TMD): On March 31, (2) UH-60 Blackhawks flew 16 hours and dropped 112 buckets for 73,920 gallons.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has been tasked to provide two firefighting brush trucks.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM DRTF	DRTF HQ Staff	2		Assigned	R-SOC
Agrilife, TAMUS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
Agrilife TAMUS	AgriLife Agency Admin	3		Available	Virtual
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	4	2	Available	Eastland County
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	7		Available	Statewide
Agrilife, TAMUS	AgriLife Extension Strike Team Members	4		Available	Merkel
Agrilife TAMUS	Agrilife Extension Strike Team Members	3		Available	Eastland County

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	Large Air Tanker (LAT)		2	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (ASM)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Lead Plane		2	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Multi Mission Aircraft		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Alpine
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Childress
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Available	Childress
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Hebbronville Airport
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (Fire Boss)		3	Available	Mineral Wells
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	Smithville
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Cotulla
TAMFS	TAMFS Taskforce	13 Taskforces		Available	Various
TAMFS	Dozer/Tractor Plow		23	Available	Various
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team (ST)	25	5	Released	Yellowjacket Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Marble Falls
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Edinburg
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Amarillo
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Childress
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Pleasanton
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Released	Stonecrest Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Plainview
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Boerne
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Kingsville

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Coordinators	2		Available	College Station & Merkel
TIFMAS	Overhead	2		Available	Mineral Wells & Brownwood
TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TEEX/TX-PWRT	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	R-SOC
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	R-SOC
DSHS EMTF	SOC Liaison	1		Available	R-SOC
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Pkg	5		Standby	EMTF 9
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
RRC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	DDEOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Abilene
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	Fuel Support	8		Assigned	Kinney, Real and Hemphill Counties
TxDOT	Light Towers		2	Assigned	Eastland County
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	16	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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